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In re application of :  
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METHOD FOR OPTIMIZATION OF AN  
ORDER FOR COMPONENT MOUNTING  
AND APPARATUS FOR OPTIMIZATION OF  
AN ORDER FOR COMPONENT MOUNTING  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.